



## Expanded IRS free-file system one step closer in Dems' bill



A sign is displayed outside the Internal Revenue Service building on May 4, 2021, in Washington. Associated Press

By **FATIMA HUSSEIN**  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The flagship climate change and health care bill passed by Democrats and soon to be signed by President Joe Biden will bring U.S. taxpayers one step closer to a government-operated electronic free-file tax re-

turn system. It's something lawmakers and advocates have been seeking for years. For many Americans, it's frustrating that beyond having to pay sometimes hefty tax bills, they also have to shell out additional money for tax preparation programs or preparers because of an increasingly

complex U.S. tax system. "It's definitely something we should do, and when the IRS is adequately resourced, it's something that will happen," said Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen at a June Senate Finance Committee hearing.

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## Another big step in the maritime sector



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And now that the IRS is set to receive nearly \$80 billion through the so-called "Inflation Reduction Act," the agency has the means to develop new systems to help Americans pay their taxes. The legislation passed Congress on Friday. Several hurdles stand in the way. Even in a best-case scenario, it will likely take years to get a new, free

system up and running. There's also pushback from commercial tax preparation companies, which question whether Americans want the IRS to prepare their taxes. Perhaps this biggest hurdle is an agreement between the IRS and some commercial tax preparation companies, known as the Free File Alliance, which prevents the federal agency from creating its own free

tax return filing system. In short, the IRS agreed not create its own filing system if companies would instead provide free services to taxpayers making \$73,000 or less. This program, though, has been marred with controversy, with commercial firms misrepresenting their services and low taxpayer participation rates. The Government Accountability Office in April re-

ported that while 70% of taxpayers were eligible for services through the Free File Alliance, only 3% of taxpayers actually use the service. The watchdog recommended the IRS find new free filing options before the Alliance expires in October 2023.

With the funding in the bill, the IRS has an opportunity to create a new system. Included is a provision that allots \$15 million to the IRS to make plans for a free direct e-file tax return system. Those plans would have to be developed within nine months and would include cost estimates for creating and administering a system. They would also require public input.

There are also legislative attempts to move this effort along.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., in July resubmitted a bill called the Tax Filing Simplification Act that would require the IRS to create its own free online tax filing service and move away from its partnership with private online tax preparation companies.

"I've been pushing for a free tax filing system for years, and now the IRS is on the verge of having significant funding to modernize its IT systems, which means it's time to develop simplified filing tools laid out in my Tax Filing Simplification Act," Warren told The Associated Press.

"Americans spend too much time and money to file their taxes, and the IRS should adopt these proposals to help millions of Americans file taxes and claim refunds."

At her Finance Committee appearance, Yellen called for a new system.

"There's no reason in the world that a modern economy shouldn't have a sys-

tem that makes it easy for such a large group of taxpayers to file their returns," she said.

Vanessa Williamson, a senior fellow at the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, said "if the IRS moves forward with a free product, it could save lower-income families the money they used to give to H&R Block or TurboTax."

"Tax prep companies are notorious for tricking tax filers into paying for services they should be getting for free," Williamson said, "so an IRS free file service would be a very welcome step that would save Americans money."

In 2019, ProPublica wrote about Intuit's TurboTax and H&R Block Inc.'s efforts to mislead taxpayers away from the federally supported free services for which they qualified. And in May, New York Attorney General Letitia James secured a \$141 million settlement with Mountain View, California-based Intuit Inc., which had to pay restitution to some taxpayers.

Intuit withdrew from the Alliance in July 2021, stating in a blog post that the company could provide its benefits without the Free File Alliance's limitations. H&R Block withdrew from the partnership in 2020.

"Most Americans don't want the tax collector to also serve as the tax preparer," said Derrick L. Plummer, a spokesman for Intuit. "The IRS already has a core mission that it needs to focus on, and creating a new system would cost billions of taxpayer dollars and jeopardize the financial freedom of millions more," he said.

A spokesperson for H&R Block did not respond to an Associated Press request for comment. □



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## 80 years later, Navajo Code Talker marks group's early days

**PHOENIX (AP)** — It's been 80 years since the first Navajo Code Talkers joined the Marines, transmitting messages using a code based on their then-unwritten native language to confound Japanese military cryptologists during World War II — and Thomas H. Begay, one of the last living members of the group, still remembers the struggle. "It was the hardest thing to learn," the 98-year-old Begay said Sunday at a Phoenix ceremony marking the anniversary. "But we were able to develop a code that couldn't be broken by

the enemy of the United States of America." Hundreds of Navajos were recruited by the U.S. Marines to serve as Code Talkers during the war. Begay is one of three who is still alive to talk about it. The Code Talkers participated in all assaults the Marines led in the Pacific from 1942 to 1945 including Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Peleliu and Iwo Jima. They sent thousands of messages without error on Japanese troop movements, battlefield tactics and other communications crucial to the war's ultimate

outcome. President Ronald Reagan established Navajo Code Talkers Day in 1982 and the Aug. 14 holiday honors all the tribes associated with the war effort. It's also an Arizona state holiday and Navajo Nation holiday on the vast reservation that occupies portions of northeastern Arizona, northwestern New Mexico and southeastern Utah. Begay and his family came from Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Phoenix for Sunday's event at the Wesley Bolin Plaza where a Navajo Code Talker statue is displayed. □



Navajo Code Talker Thomas Begay salutes during the national anthem at the Arizona State Navajo Code Talkers Day celebration, Sunday, Aug. 14, 2022, in Phoenix.

Associated Press

## Police: Man killed himself after ramming U.S. Capitol barrier

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO**  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A man drove his car into a barricade near the U.S. Capitol early Sunday and then began firing gunshots in the air before fatally shooting himself, according to police, who said he did not seem to be targeting any member of Congress. The incident happened just before 4 a.m. at a vehicle barricade set at East Capitol Street NE and 2nd Street SE in Washington.

It comes at a time when law enforcement authorities across the country are facing an increasing number of threats and federal officials have warned about the potential of violent attacks on government buildings in the days since the FBI's search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida.



The sun shines on the dome of Capitol Hill in Washington, Friday, Aug. 12, 2022.

Associated Press

The attack is reminiscent of an incident when a man drove a vehicle into two Capitol Police officers at a checkpoint in April 2021, killing an 18-year veteran of the force. And many on Capitol Hill remain on edge after supporters of the then-president stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. Authorities said the man,

identified as Richard A. York III, 29, of Delaware, crashed into the barricade and that as he was getting out of the car, the vehicle became engulfed in flames. The man then opened fire, firing several shots into the air as police approached. Capitol Police said the man shot himself as the officers neared. He was later pro-

nounced dead. Capitol Police Chief Tom Manger said officers did not hear the man say anything before he opened fire "indiscriminately" in the street with a handgun and walked toward the Capitol building. Authorities are investigating whether the man may have set his car on fire, the chief said, because the

collision did not appear to cause the blaze. Police officers at the scene saw the man fatally shoot himself as they approached, Manger said. The chief said investigators located addresses for the man in Delaware and Pennsylvania and learned he had a criminal history in the past decade, though his motive remained unclear and he had no links to the Capitol. "We don't have any information that would indicate his motivation at this point," Manger said.

Police said "it does not appear the man was targeting any member of Congress" and that investigators are examining the man's background as they work to try to discern a motive. Both the House and Senate are in recess and very few staff members work in the Capitol complex at that hour. □



# New York restricts families from sending packages to inmates

By MAYSOON KHAN

Associated Press/Report for America

**ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)** — As part of an effort to keep illegal drugs and other contraband out of state prisons, New York is taking away one of the few pleasures of life behind bars: It will no longer let people send inmates care packages from home.

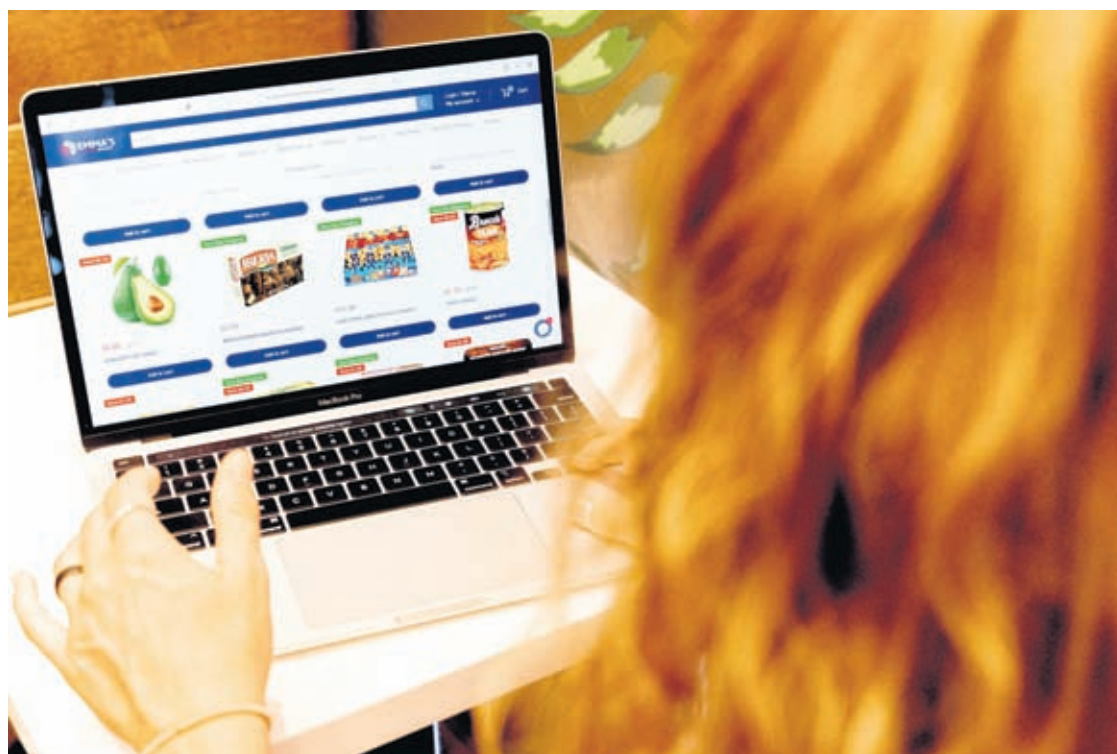
Under the new policy, which the state began phasing in last month, friends and family aren't allowed to deliver packages in person during prison visits. They also won't be allowed to mail boxes of goodies unless those come directly from third-party vendors.

While the rule won't stop prisoners from getting items that can be ordered online, like a Snickers bar or a bag of Doritos, they will lose access to foods like home-cooked meals or grandma's cookies.

That's a letdown for people like Caroline Hansen, who for 10 years hand-delivered packages filled with fresh vegetables, fruits, and meats to her husband, who is serving a life sentence.

"When I first started bringing him packages, he said he loved avocados. He hadn't had them in about 20 years," said Hansen, a single mother of two who works as a waitress in Long Island.

"What breaks my heart is, I take for granted having a banana with my yogurt. Imagine never being



Caroline Hansen uses Emma's Premium Services, a higher-priced service according to Hansen, to shop for food for her husband, Thursday, Aug. 11, 2022, in New York.

Associated Press

able to eat a banana?" she added, saying her husband's prison cafeteria serves bananas once a month, at most.

New York had been one of the few states in the nation that still allowed families to send packages to inmates from home. The rule is already in effect in a majority of state prisons.

Starting this month, the state prison system is also testing a program where inmates will be blocked from getting most letters sent on paper. Instead, incoming letters will be scanned by computer, and prisoners will get copies.

The change is being made to try and head off a trend of people soaking letters in

drugs to smuggle them past authorities. Multiple states including Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan, Nebraska and Pennsylvania, already photocopy incoming mail to prevent drugs from being delivered to inmates. The federal Bureau of Prisons began a similar practice in 2019.

New York's Department of Corrections and Community Supervision said in a statement that the two new policies are necessary to stop contraband.

Contraband has been smuggled into prisons in a number of ways: books laced with heroin, weapons and unauthorized electronics like phones hidden in packages, and

letter mail soaked in drugs like methamphetamine or a synthetic cannabinoid, also known as K2. When packages are received by a prison, officers remove the items from the box to inspect the items visually or through an X-ray machine. If there is reason for suspicion, officers are allowed to open sealed packages for further inspection.

Those checks, though, aren't perfect, and authorities believe items slip through.

Critics of the package ban questioned its effectiveness, noting that prohibited items are sometimes brought in by corrupt prison staff.

California stopped allowing

people to send packages directly to inmates in 2003. Instead, inmates and families can order items through an approved vendor list provided by the state. In Florida, families also aren't allowed to send packages from home.

Prisoner advocates and families of inmates say the package policy is too restrictive — and an added financial burden.

Wanda Bertram, a communications strategist at the Prison Policy Initiative, called prison food a "nutritional nightmare," and said some incarcerated people rely on care packages to keep a healthy diet.

Before his release from Sing Sing Correctional Facility in New York, former prisoner Wilfredo Laracuenté said he was able to order a 35-pound (16-kilogram) package for himself containing packaged cakes, cookies, chips, soaps, shampoo, and some toiletries. It cost \$230 — the kind of money most prisoners don't have.

"This is going to be the beginning of the end, where they stop everything under the guise of security and contraband," said Laracuenté, who served two decades in prison for murder and now facilitates workshops that help recently released inmates reintegrate into society. "What they're doing is removing the human component that's very vital and necessary for the reentry process." □



This image from video released by Snowbasin Resort shows their web cam capture of a meteor flying over Snowbasin in Huntsville, Utah on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022.

Associated Press

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — A loud "boom" heard across

areas of northern Utah was likely a meteor, officials

## Officials: Loud 'boom' heard in north Utah likely a meteor

said Saturday. Reports of the loud noise circulated at about 8:30 a.m., with people from Orem to southern Idaho posting that they heard the "boom," The Salt Lake Tribune reported.

Utah Gov. Spencer Cox tweeted that his office confirmed it was not related to any seismic activity or military installations.

The National Weather Service's Salt Lake City office wrote in a tweet that its lightning detection map-

per likely picked up the meteor's trail flash, which officials said seemed to be confirmed by witness video in Roy.

South Salt Lake resident Wendi Melling was just heading out the door Saturday morning when she heard the noise, which she described as a "loud deep booming sound" followed by a few seconds of rumbling.

"I thought I heard something fall in the house. I have

since searched the house top to bottom and the only thing I've found was one slat from our wooden fence that had fallen, so that's a relief," Melling wrote in a Facebook message.

"It did sound similar to sonic booms I've heard before, followed by a short incident of a sound similar to low rolling thunder," Melling continued. "This rumbling noise that followed the boom was maybe on 3-4 seconds." □



## Mexico president to bypass congress to keep army in streets

By MARIA VERZA  
Associated Press

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Mexico's president has begun exploring plans to sidestep congress to hand formal control of the National Guard to the army, a move that could extend the military's control over policing in a country with high levels of violence.

That has raised concerns because President Andrés Manuel López Obrador won approval for creating the force in 2019 by pledging in the constitution that it would be under nominal civilian control and that the army would be off the streets by 2024.

Neither the National Guard nor the military have been able to lower the insecurity in the country, however. This past week, drug cartels staged widespread arson and shooting attacks, terrifying civilians in three main northwest cities in a bold challenge to the state. On Saturday, authorities sent 300 army special forces and 50 National Guard members to the border city of Tijuana.

Still, López Obrador wants to keep soldiers involved in policing, and remove civilian control over the National Guard, whose officers and commanders are mostly soldiers, with military training and pay grades. But the president no longer has the votes in congress to amend the constitution and has suggested he may try to do it as a regulatory change with a simple majority in congress or by an executive order and see if the courts will uphold that. López Obrador warned Friday against politicizing the issue, saying the military is needed to fight Mexico's violent drug cartels. But then he immediately politicized it himself.

"A constitutional reform would be ideal, but we have to look for ways, because they (the opposition) instead of helping us, are blocking us, there is an intent to prevent us from doing anything," López Obrador said.

The two main opposition parties also had a different



**National Guardsmen guard a site where a confrontation took place with what authorities say were groups of criminals, that left several police officers wounded and more than a dozen people detained, in Tupilejo, on the outskirts of Mexico City, July 12, 2022.**

Associated Press

positions when they were in power. They supported the army in public safety roles during their respective administrations beginning in 2006 and 2012.

When López Obrador was running for president, he called for taking the army off the streets. But being in power — and seeing homicides running at their highest sustained levels ever — apparently changed his mind. He has relied heavily on the military not just for crime-fighting. He sees the army and navy as heroic, patriotic and less corruptible, and has entrusted them with building major infrastructure projects, running airports and trains, stopping migrants and overseeing customs at seaports. Mexico's army has been deeply involved in policing since the start of the 2006 drug war. But its presence was always understood as temporary, a stop-gap until Mexico could build trustworthy police forces. López Obrador appears to have abandoned that plan, instead making the military and quasi-military force like the National Guard the main solution. "Their mandate has to be prolonged," he said. "I think the best thing is for the National Guard to be a branch of the Defense Department to give it stability over time and prevent it from being corrupted," he said. He also wants the army and the navy to help in public safety roles beyond 2024, the current

dateline established in a 2020 executive order.

The force has grown to 115,000, but almost 80% of its personnel were drawn from the ranks of the military. The United Nations and human rights groups have long expressed reservations about having the military do police work, and Mexico's Supreme Court has yet to decide on several appeals against what critics say are unconstitutional tasks given to the

National Guard. The U.N. Human Rights High Commissioner's office said last week that militarizing civil institutions, such as policing, weakens democracy. Soldiers aren't trained for that, the military by nature isn't very open to scrutiny, it has been implicated in human rights abuses, and the presence of troops hasn't resolved the pressing question of how to reform police, prosecutors and courts. While López Obrador claims human rights abuses are no longer tolerated, the governmental National Human Rights Commission has received more than a thousand complaints alleging abuses by the National Guard. The agency has issued five recommendations in cases where there was evidence of excessive use of force, torture or abuse of migrants. "The problem with using the military in civilian roles is that we don't have any control of what goes on inside" the forces, said Ana Lorena Delgadillo, director of the civic group Foundation For Justice. □

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## Fire at Cairo Coptic church kills 41, including 15 children

By **SAMY MAGDY**

**Associated Press**

**CAIRO (AP)** — A fire ripped through a packed Coptic Orthodox church during morning services in Egypt's capital on Sunday, quickly filling it with thick black smoke and killing 41 worshippers, including at least 15 children.

Several trapped congregants jumped from upper floors of the Martyr Abu Sefein church to try to escape the intense flames, witnesses said. "Suffocation, suffocation, all of them dead," said a distraught witness, who only gave a partial name, Abu Bishoy.

Sixteen people were injured, including four policemen involved in the rescue effort.

The cause of the blaze at the church in the working-class neighborhood of Imbaba was not immediately known. An initial investigation pointed to an electrical short-circuit, according to a police statement.

Weeping families waited outside for word about relatives who were inside the church and at nearby hospitals where the victims were taken. Footage from the scene circulated online showed burned furniture, including wooden tables and chairs. Firefighters were seen putting out the blaze while others carried victims to ambulances.

Witnesses said there were many children inside the four-story building, which had two day care facilities. "There are children, we



**Emergency personnel work at the site of a fire at the Abu Sefein church that has killed over 40 people and injured at least 14 others, in the densely populated neighborhood of Imbaba, Cairo Egypt, Sunday, Aug. 14, 2022.**

didn't know how to get to them," said Abu Bishoy. "And we don't know whose son this is, or whose daughter that is. Is this possible?"

A total of 15 children were killed in the fire, according to Copts United, a news website focusing on Christian news.

A list of victims obtained by The Associated Press said 20 bodies, including 10 children, were taken to the Imbaba public hospital. Three were siblings, twins aged 5 and a 3-year-old, it said. The church bishop, Abdul Masih Bakhit, was also among the dead at the hospital morgue.

Twenty-one bodies were taken to other hospitals.

Mousa Ibrahim, a spokesman for the Coptic Orthodox Church, told the AP that 5-year-old triplets, their

mother, grandmother and an aunt were among those killed.

Witness Emad Hanna said a church worker managed to get some children out of the church day care facilities.

"We went upstairs and found people dead. And we started to see from outside that the smoke was getting bigger, and people want to jump from the upper floor," Hanna said.

"We found the children," some dead, some alive, he added.

The country's health minister blamed the smoke and a stampede as people attempted to flee the fire for causing the fatalities. It was one of the worst fire tragedies in Egypt in recent years.

The church is located in a

narrow street in one of the most densely populated neighborhoods in Cairo. Sunday is the first working day of the week, and traffic jams clog the streets in Imbaba and surrounding areas in the morning.

Some relatives criticized what they said were delays in the arrival of ambulances and firefighters. "They came after people died. ... They came after the church burned down," shouted one woman standing outside the smoldering church. Health Minister Khaled Abdel-Ghafar countered that the first ambulance arrived at the site two minutes after the fire was reported.

Fifteen firefighting vehicles were dispatched to the scene to put out the flames while ambulances ferried casualties to nearby hospi-

tals, officials said.

President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi spoke by phone with Coptic Christian Pope Tawadros II to offer his condolences, the president's office said. Sheikh Ahmed al-Tayeb, Al-Azhar's Grand Imam, also offered condolences to the head of the Coptic church.

Abdel-Ghafar, the health minister, said in a statement that two of the injured were discharged from a hospital while the others were still being treated.

The Interior Ministry said it received a report of the fire at 9 a.m. local time, and first responders found that the blaze had broken out in an air conditioner on the building's second floor.

The ministry, which oversees police and firefighters, blamed an electrical short-circuit for the fire, which produced huge amounts of smoke. Meanwhile, the country's chief prosecutor, Hamada el-Sawy, ordered an investigation and a team of prosecutors were dispatched to the church. He said most victims died of smoke inhalation.

By Sunday afternoon, emergency services said they managed to put out the blaze and the prime minister and other senior government officials arrived to inspect the site. Premier Mustafa Madbouly said surviving victims and families of the dead would receive payments as compensation and that the government would rebuild the church. □



**Volunteers recover dead fish from the water of the German-Polish border river Oder in Lebus, eastern Germany, Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022.**

**Associated Press**

**WARSAW, Poland (AP)** — Germany's environment

## German minister decries ecological catastrophe in Oder River

minister said the mass die-off of fish in the Oder River is an ecological catastrophe and it isn't clear yet how long it will take the river to recover.

Steffi Lemke spoke Sunday at a news conference alongside her Polish counterpart, Anna Moskwa, after a meeting in Szczecin, a Polish city on the Oder River.

The Oder runs from Czechia

to the border between Poland and Germany before flowing into the Baltic Sea. Ten tons of dead fish were removed from it last week, but Mokswa said the cause of the mass die-off still has not yet been determined. "So far, at least 150 samples of water from the Oder River have been tested. None of the studies have confirmed the presence of toxic substances. At the

same time, we are testing fish. No mercury or other heavy metals have been found in them," she said.

She said some Oder water samples were being sent to foreign laboratories to be tested for about 300 substances.

Both ministers said they were focused now on doing what they can to limit the damage to the river's ecosystem. □



## Minister Ursell Arends: Another big step in the maritime sector



**ORANJESTAD – International commerce takes place by almost 80 percent on the maritime sector. This contributes around 400 billion dollars to the world economy. Aruba needs to have a bigger stake in this total, and this is the vision of Aruban minister of Transport, Nature, Integrity and Older Adults Affairs, Ursell Arends, for the maritime sector.**

Since last year, according to a press release, the government has taken various steps in order to push Aruba into having a larger presence in this sector.

During the last months, the foundation for a stronger maritime sector began taking shape. In the first stage, contact needed to be established with various big international organizations which are active in the sector. Thus contact was expanded with organizations of the American government and the government of the Netherlands. A good

basis was established for the cooperation that is needed in order to achieve expansion of the presence of Aruba in the maritime sector.

In this context, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2022, a delegation of the private sector of the Netherlands was welcomed, in the form of a society representing the ship owners in the Netherlands, which is KVNR – Koninklijke Vereniging van Nederlandse Reders. Participating for the KVNR was their managing director, Mrs. Annet Koster, and jurist of KVNR, Mr. Lodewijk Wisse. This organization has among its members renowned companies with a high reputation representing almost 2,400 large vessels. Most of these ships sail under the flag of the Netherlands.

A big step for Aruba in the maritime sector is to activate the ship registry of Aruba. In the Kingdom there are three registries, being the Netherlands, Curaçao

and one registry in Aruba, which for some reason is not active. The mission of minister Arends is to reactivate the register for Aruba, which is a Kingdome registry, and this is something for which KVNR showed interest, so that Aruba can develop this registry in a modern and efficient way. With this the maritime sector will be expanded, which will have a direct effect on Aruba's economy because the ships on the ocean depend on logistics from land; logistics in the sense of materials and also various legal and financial aspects.

Minister Arends indicated however that he requested to have the maritime sector in his ministry because it is a critical sector for Aruba, but sadly, not many people understand this, and for many years this sector was profoundly neglected. What's regrettable about this is that the available resources are very limited, and in order to reactivate the sector, it will be necessary to work in a creative

way.

Part of the solution is for Aruba to work in cooperation with the other islands. Every island and the Netherlands will benefit from the 'economics of scale', which such a cooperation carries with it. This is why it's very important that the havenmeester of Bonaire, Mr. Gunther Flanegin, facilitated this meeting and engaged also together with KVNR and the government of Aruba.

During his visit at the Ocean Conference, minister Arends agreed with minister of Infrastructure and Water Management of the Netherlands, Mark Harbers, that Aruba will appreciate the sharing of know-how from the Netherlands on this field. Aruba is preparing the foundation for a strong maritime sector and is counting with cooperation of the Netherlands to achieve this. □





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## Honoring of loyal visitors at Bucuti Beach Resort



**EAGLE BEACH** - Recently, Aruba Tourism Authority representative Marouska Heyliger had the great pleasure in honoring many loyal Aruba visitors with their distinctive certificates. These certificates are a way to say "Masha Danki" for continuously choosing Aruba as a favorite vacation destination. The titles are as following: 10+ years "Distinguished Visitor", 20+ years "Goodwill Ambassador" and 36+ years "Emerald Ambassador".

The honorees were Thomas W. and Suzanne Creanza, residents of New Jersey as well as Paul & Nancy Marrier, residents of Massachusetts who were honored as Goodwill Ambassadors.

This symbolic honorary title is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba between the 10-20-35 and more consecutive year mark.

The couple loves coming to the island for all the

new friends made, the beaches and beautiful water, the weather and always perfect facilities and the helpful, friendly and fun people of Aruba.

Heyliger together with the representatives of presented the certificates to the honorees, handed over some presents and also thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home-away-from-home. □



## Origin of Papiamentu- Aruba's native language



**ORANJESTAD** — Papiamentu, Creole language of ABC (Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao) is from the Cape Verdean Creole family (Cape Verdean language) and was taken to the Caribbean in the 9th century by the Cape Verdeans of that time (linings and slaves), experts in cane culture and sugar production, and who were hired by Jewish entrepreneurs who went to invest in this business in the Caribbean. Cape Verdeans taught this pre-industrial revolu-

tion technology (planting cane and producing sugar, which they had learned from Madeirans) to slaves from other African regions, and did so in their language, Cape Verde Creole (Cape Verdean language), hence the language implanted in Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao.

Unlike many interesting stories, wanting to link Papiamentu directly to Portuguese, Galician or Castilian (see Papiamentu, on Wikipedia - Portuguese version

and Spanish version, where the Portuguese and Spanish, each claim the direct origin of Papiamentu), in fact, this is not true. Papiamentu is not direct from Portuguese, Galician or Castilian, it is from the Cape Verde Creole family (Cape Verdean language). You can see this best when it's saying obscene words and offending someone, precisely as they say today in both ABC and Cape Verde islands. The obscene words kept the original, had no lexical influence either from Castilian or Dutch. Also the PapiCristang of Malacca, the Patuá of Macau, and several creoles from the east (from Daman, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Philippines, Indonesia) and Africa (Casamança, Guinea Bissau, Sierra Leone and Nigeria, these last two releases to the English), all originated in the Creole of Cabo Verde (Cape Verdean

language), which was the French language spoken in Portuguese feitorias on the coast of Africa (from Senegal to Sierra Leone), and which was taken east by the thousands of cable - Verdeans (linings and slaves, already Christianized and speaking Creole) who served as sailors and "slaves of arms" in Portuguese caravels, demanding the east. I don't know why the official history of Portugal usually omits this fact, which is in the chronicles of the quincentist chroniclers, but which we never saw in the history of Portugal that we study from primary education to higher education. However, it has always been tried to deceive us, in colonial time, that we were descendants of Viriato (Iberian hero in the fight against the Romans) and the pastors of the Hermini Mountains, but not much speaking of our

black-African ancestry.

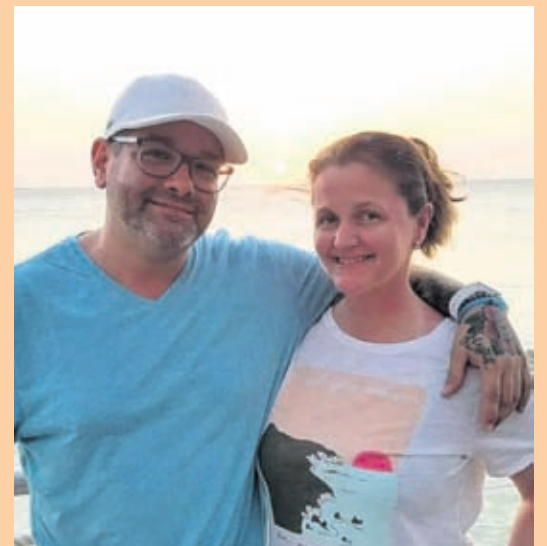
We Cape Verdeans understand each other very well with these Antillans and Easterns, whose language is from the same Creole family of Cape Verde (Cape Verdean language), speaking their Creole and we ours. Therefore, Papiamentu, PapiCristang, PatuáMacaense and the creoles, said of Portuguese origin, Daman, India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, some locations in the Philippines and some places in Indonesia, are creoles of the language family Cape Verde Creole (Cape Verdean language) and indirectly the Galaico-Duriense or Galaico-Portuguese, a language that the people spoke in Portugal in the 6th and 7th century.

Anonymous  
Source: Dushi Aruba

### Aruba to me

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For today we received a lovely message from **Amy and Robby**:

"I want to say how much Aruba means to my wife Amy and Myself (Robby). We went for the first time in 2016, bought at the Divi Phoenix and have now been 7 times in 6 years! We will be back again on September 21st for 10 days. Can't wait! Aruba to us is a home away from home. A place that brings us so much joy and comfort."

Attached they sent two pictures, one from their first visit in 2016 and another from the beginning of 2022.

Thank you for sharing with us and our reads what Aruba means to you, and we're looking forward to have you on the Island again soon! ☐



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## Indian Association of Aruba celebrated 75 years of Independence of India



**ORANJESTAD – Today, August 15, India is celebrating 75 years of independence. In connection with this great celebration, the Indian Association of Aruba organized a festive car parade yesterday, Sunday August 14th. The president of the association, Haresh (Henry) Sadarangani told us a bit more about the celebration of this very important date.**

“We are here celebrating 75 years of independence of our country, India. We are all here to celebrate this very special day for us”, Sadarangani said. He said that the Indian community has been established in Aruba for more than 90 years, and Aruba is their home, but their love for India has remained just as strong.

The celebration took place in the form of a car parade, coming out of Savaneta and reaching the California Lighthouse. After the parade, they celebrated as a community. “We wanted to celebrate with the whole country and come out with our flags of Aruba and India”, Sadarangani added.

Prakash Gupta, Honorary Consul of India in Aruba also commented that the Indian community has been living anchored for more than 90 years in Aruba and live together with the community of Aruba. “We have very good relations, and we integrated very well in the community, and this is our home”, he highlighted.

The celebration of Independence Day in India, as well as around the



world, was enormous this year and took many different shapes. Gupta emphasized also that the car parade that took place in Aruba yesterday is also a way to bring awareness and to bring the Indian and Aruban communities closer to each other.

Indian obtained independence from the British colonial dominance on the 15th of August 1947. The fight for freedom was long and tedious, and cost the sacrifice of many fighters who fought for the freedom and gave their life to their country and their people. On this day these fighters are honored, as well as the history of the country, its culture and the nation's achievements as a whole. On this day, all citizens of India are also reminded of the beginning of a new era, an era of freedom from colonial British dominance that lasted more than 200 years.

The independence day was commemorated with the raising of the flag, a parade, cultural events, and



citizens singing patriotic songs. On the 15th of August 1947, the prime minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru raised the national Indian flag above Lahori Gate or Red Fort in Delhi, a tradition that from that day has been fulfilled by all prime ministers of India, followed by a national speech to the people.

Finalizing, Sadarangani commented that the Indian community in Aruba is very grateful to the Aruban community for their trust, friendship and acceptance. “As citizens, our community offers our commitment to live in peace and harmony on the beautiful island of Aruba, which we chose as the home for our future generations.” □





# CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: LIFE WITHOUT LEFT-HANDED PEOPLE WOULDN'T BE RIGHT. — C.R. MANSKE



In this Aug. 8, 2020, photo a patient's vital signs are displayed on a monitor at a hospital in Portland, Ore.

Associated Press

## What Medicare Part A's belly-up date means for you

KATE ASHFORD  
of NerdWallet

At its current pace, Medicare's Hospital Insurance trust fund will run out of money in 2028, according to the June 2022 Medicare trustees report. That's a two-year extension on the previous estimate, but experts say it's still not good news, and the government needs to stop twiddling its thumbs. Here's what you should know.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE TRUST FUND IS DEPLETED?

If the Medicare Hospital Insurance trust fund is depleted, it doesn't mean Medicare Part A will implode. But the program won't have enough revenues to cover all operating costs, by a shortfall of about 10% starting in 2029.

"This part of the Medicare program won't be able to make payments to health care providers and health insurers that are due, and those payments will become increasingly delayed over time," says Matthew Fiedler, a senior fellow with the USC-Brookings Schaeffer Initiative for Health Policy.

This backlog could result in a big financial shock to hospitals that rely on Medicare revenues to operate. Ultimately, Fiedler says, "hospitals might rethink the extent to which they want

to participate in the Medicare program."

It's important to understand that Medicare's Hospital Insurance trust fund doesn't finance all of Medicare — it funds Medicare Part A, or hospital insurance. Medicare Part B, which covers doctor's appointments and outpatient care, and Medicare Part D, which covers prescription drugs, are funded mainly out of patient premiums and the government's general revenues.

WHAT ARE THE MOST LIKELY FIXES?

There are several ways the government could handle the situation, from tweaking service coverage to redirecting revenues. Here are a few options:

Move some Medicare Part A services to Part B

Some experts have suggested that the government could shift some post-acute services — such as physical therapy or nursing management after a hospital stay — from Part A to Part B.

"That makes the Part A trust fund look better, because you've taken some of the expenses off the books," says Dr. Mark McClellan, the Robert J. Margolis professor of business, medicine and policy at Duke University, who holds a doctorate in economics. "But that's

not really changing the overall cost or sustainability of the program."

For Medicare beneficiaries, this change could mean that some post-acute services that are covered 100% under Part A could be subject to the Part B deductible and 20% coinsurance, unless the beneficiary has a Medigap or Medicare Advantage plan that covers some costs.

Modernize the Medicare drug benefit

When Medicare Part D was introduced in 2006, there weren't as many expensive specialty drugs on the market. Today, the government foots the majority of the bill for high-cost drugs. Lowering drug costs and applying those savings to the Part A trust fund is an option.

Current legislation in Congress would help Medicare beneficiaries spend less on prescription drugs and decrease costs for specific high-cost drugs over time.

"The Senate bill includes an important modernization of Medicare's drug benefit, to provide more comprehensive coverage for Medicare beneficiaries with high drug costs and to get Medicare's drug plans to negotiate more aggressively with drug manufacturers," McClellan says. □



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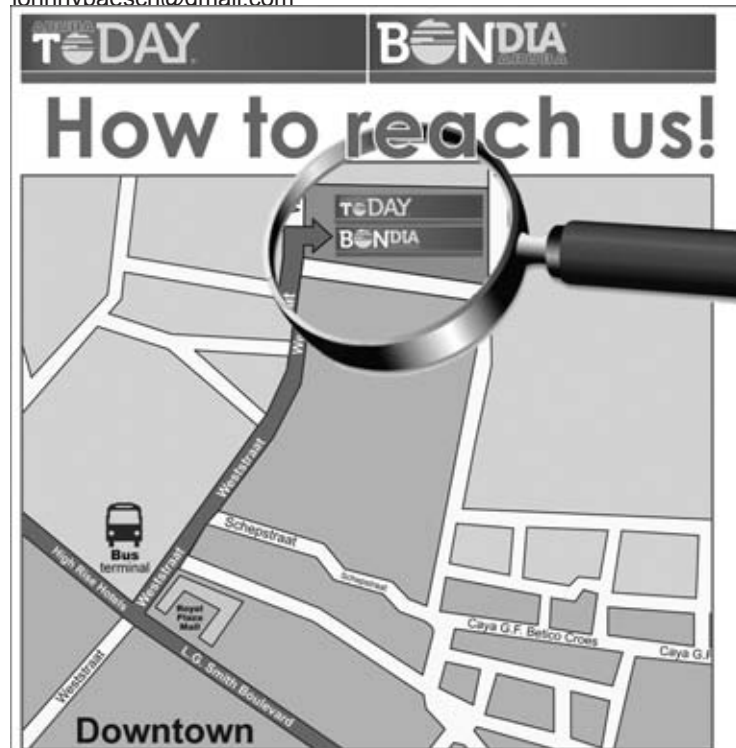
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## Drew Rasmussen pitches Rays past Orioles 4-1

By The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)

— Drew Rasmussen took a perfect game into the ninth inning, and the Tampa Bay Rays expanded their lead over Baltimore for the final AL wild card to 1 1/2 games with a 4-1 victory over the Orioles on Sunday.

Rasmussen (7-4) allowed his first baserunner when Jorge Mateo doubled down the left-field line on the first pitch of the ninth. Mateo later scored on a Rasmusen wild pitch.

Jason Adam got two outs for his sixth save, finishing a one-hitter.

There hasn't been a perfect game in the majors since Seattle's Felix Hernandez accomplished the feat at home against the Rays on Aug. 15, 2012.

Randy Arozarena hit a three-run homer off Jordan Lyles (9-9) with two out in the third. Arozarena has 15 homers and 38 RBIs in 37 games against Baltimore.

ROYALS 4, DODGERS 0 KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Brady Singer pitched six dominant innings, and the Royals ended the Dodgers' 12-game winning streak.

A day after hitting six home runs in a romp, the Dodgers were held to just two hits.

Singer (6-4) pitched one-hit ball against the team with the best record in the majors. Scott Barlow got four outs for his 19th save.

Vinnie Pasquantino hom-



Tampa Bay Rays starter Drew Rasmussen, right, three outs from a perfect baseball game, greets teammates in the dugout after he left during the ninth inning against the Baltimore Orioles, Sunday, Aug. 14, 2022, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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ered among his three hits and drove in two runs.

Tyler Anderson (12-2) gave up three runs in six innings. CARDINALS 6, BREWERS 3 ST. LOUIS (AP) — Albert Pujols homered twice and Miles Mikolas tossed eight effective innings, leading the Cardinals to the win.

Dylan Carlson and Tyler O'Neill also connected for St. Louis, which pushed its NL Central lead over second-place Milwaukee to 1 1/2 games.

Carlson broke a 2-all tie with his eighth homer of the season, a drive to left

against Taylor Rogers (1-6) in the eighth.

Hunter Renfroe and Rowdy Tellez homered for Milwaukee, which beat St. Louis 3-2 in 10 innings on Saturday night.

Pujols hit a solo shot in the second and a three-run drive in the eighth to give him 689 career homers.

Mikolas (9-9) permitted two runs and four hits.

METS 6, PHILLIES 0 NEW YORK (AP) — Chris Bassitt pitched five innings of four-hit ball, and the Mets beat the Phillies for their 17th win in 20 games.

Daniel Vogelbach homered and Mark Canha had two hits for New York, which moved 35 games over .500 for the first time since the end of the 1988 season. The Mets posted their second straight shutout and kept 5 1/2 games ahead of Atlanta atop the NL East. The Mets and Braves open a four-game series in Atlanta beginning Monday. The Phillies have dropped three of four after winning seven straight.

Bassitt (10-7) struck out five and walked two. Philadelphia's Zack Wheel-

er (11-6) allowed six runs in six innings.

GUARDIANS 7, BLUE JAYS 2 TORONTO (AP) — Cleveland ace Shane Bieber pitched seven innings to win his fourth straight start, matching the longest winning streak of his career.

Amed Rosario homered and scored three times as the AL Central leaders won for the seventh time in eight games. Austin Hedges had two hits and two RBIs.

Bieber (8-6) allowed two runs and eight hits, equaling a four-game winning streak from June 17 to July 3, 2018.

Blue Jays right-hander Kevin Gausman (8-9) allowed five runs and nine hits in 4 2/3 innings.

BRAVES 3, MARLINS 1

MIAMI (AP) — Rookie Michael Harris II hit a tying homer in the ninth and William Contreras had a go-ahead single, helping Atlanta finish a sweep of the four-game series.

The Braves won their sixth straight after losing four of five against the NL East-leading Mets.

Harris' leadoff shot in the ninth tied it at 1. He drove the first pitch from Tanner Scott (4-5) over the wall in left center for his 12th homer.

Contreras drove in Vaughn Grissom with a hard grounder later in the inning, and Matt Olson scored on a wild pitch by Scott. □



Las Vegas Aces guard Sydney Colson, left, autographs a stuffed animal for Calvin Heuer, center, as his mother Megan Heuer, upper right, looks on before a WNBA basketball game against the Seattle Storm, Sunday, Aug. 14, 2022, in Las Vegas.

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LAS VEGAS (AP) — Chelsea Gray had 33 points, seven rebounds and nine assists and Las Vegas wrapped

up the best regular-season record in the WNBA, defeating Seattle 109-100 in a regular-season finale on

## Aces wrap up No. 1 playoff seed with 109-100 win over Storm

Sunday.

Kelsey Plum, who had 23 points for the Aces, scored seven points in the final minute. Her 3-pointer with 58 seconds left put Las Vegas up by six and she added two more field goals as the Aces (26-10) clinched the top seed in the playoffs. Seattle's Jewell Loyd scored a career-high 38 points that included 8 of 14 from 3-point distance. The Storm (22-14) made 18 3-pointers.

A'Ja Wilson had 25 points and 10 rebounds for the Aces and Riquna Williams

scored 11 points. Gray was 10-for-15 from the field and 11-for-11 from the free throw line where the Aces made 20 of 24 as a team. Seattle was 6-for-7 from the line.

Breanna Stewart had 21 points and 15 rebounds for the Storm and Gabby Williams added 11 points.

Briann January's 3-pointer with about two minutes left in the third quarter put the Storm up by 10 before Las Vegas closed the period with a 12-0 to lead 78-76 heading to the fourth.

Las Vegas defeated Chi-

cago and Seattle in consecutive games to clinch the top playoff spot, having defeated the defending champion Sky 89-78 on Thursday.

Seattle was already assured of the No. 4 seed and will open the playoffs at home against No. 5 Washington on Thursday.

The Aces' opening-round opponent will be either New York or Phoenix, pending the outcome of the Mercury's game against Chicago later on Sunday. □



## With Watson on board, Browns bracing for more boos on road

By **TOM WITHERS**  
AP Sports Writer

**BEREA, Ohio (AP)** — The booing has begun, and it's only the preseason. The Cleveland Browns expect it to increase and intensify over the months ahead. Deshaun Watson is a target, and so are his teammates. As they prepare for Watson to be suspended by the NFL for violating its personal conduct policy, the Browns know they're probably going to be subjected to rougher and rowdier treatment from fans during road games this season.

"It seems like more than ever, 'Cleveland against the world,'" All-Pro guard Joel Bitonio said Sunday, repeating a popular phrase adopted in a city that has long felt like an underdog. "So we'll be ready for it." Watson was booed throughout his exhibition debut on Friday night in Jacksonville. There were some in the crowd at TIAA Bank Stadium who directed profane chants at the controversial quarterback accused of sexual misconduct by two dozen women during massage therapy appointments in Texas.

The three-time Pro Bowler for Houston is facing a possible year-long ban and significant fine from the league, which appealed a six-game suspension handed down by independent arbitrator Sue L. Robinson. Watson's playing status rests with Peter C. Harvey, appointed by Commissioner Roger Goodell to handle the appeal. Harvey's decision could come any time or there could be a settlement between the NFL and NFL Players Association.

Watson, who hasn't spoken to reporters since June 14, apologized for the first time before Friday's game in an interview with the team's preseason TV crew.

Bitonio was one of several starters who didn't play against the Jaguars. But while he watched from the sideline, Bitonio, who has seen plenty in his eight seasons with Cleveland, heard the noise.



**Cleveland Browns quarterback Deshaun Watson throws during an NFL football practice in Berea, Ohio, Sunday, Aug. 14, 2022.**  
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It was a preview of how this season will be.

Watson showed some rust and maybe jitters in his first game in nearly 600 days — he sat out last season — by completing just 1 of 5 passes for 7 yards in three series.

The shaky performance prompted questions about whether Watson was rattled by his unresolved situation and uncertain future. "I haven't talked to him about that," Bitonio said. "I'm sure not playing football

in however long it's been is probably a bigger concern. But the crowd was loud for a preseason game in Jacksonville. They got pretty loud down there." The stadium was only half-full, so imagine what it will be like in Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati, Cleveland's AFC North stops where the Browns were already the enemy before they traded for Watson under center.

"I'm sure every stadium we go, we'll be booed," Bitonio said. "I don't know if it will get worse. I think people get tired of booing, you know? But I'm sure every time he goes out there, there'll be some sort of boo to start the game and we'll kind of go from there."

Browns coach Kevin Stefanski doesn't have any plans

to address what his team could be facing down the road — and on the road.

"It's our job to focus on the things that are important in those game settings," he said. "We'd be doing ourselves a disservice if we focused on anything that people were saying about us before the game, during the game, after the game, those type of things."

For the first time in camp on Sunday, Jacoby Brissett, who will start during Watson's suspension, took the majority of snaps with Cleveland's first-team offense.

Brissett didn't play against the Jaguars and Stefanski said he'll also sit out Sunday's home game against the Philadelphia Eagles. □

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great selection of international wines to compliment your dish. Kids will enjoy every item of the specially compiled kids menu and there are also optional dishes for all vegans, vegetarians and gluten-free guests. To end the culinary voyage with some luscious sweetness, the desserts are wild. From a piece of coconut flan, NY cheese cake, carrot cake, chocolate brownie or our classic Tiramisu with kahlua and amaretto served with chocolate sauce and coffee jelly. Not to mention the fresh and light piece of key lime pie.

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